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TAGS: PREL, PHUM, PREF, EAID, RW

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF RWANDA OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

REF: STATE 261936

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2. POSTS SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM

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SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER TO HOST GOVERNMENT FOREIGN MINISTER
OR EQUIVALENT AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAVE MADE GREAT EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE HUMAN SUFFERING AND ADDRESS HUMANITARIAN NEEDS GROWING OUT OF THE CRISIS IN RWANDA. HOWEVER, MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE TO ENHANCE SECURITY AND FOSTER CONDITIONS WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND REFUGEE RETURN.

RESOLUTION OF THE RWANDA CRISIS WILL REQUIRE CONCERTED EFFORT ON SEVERAL FRONTS. TO COORDINATE AND SUPPORT THESE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS, WE PROPOSE THE FORMATION OF AN OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP. WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR COUNTRY'S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THIS GROUP.

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IMPORTANT EFFORTS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY TO IMPROVE SECURITY AND CONFIDENCE WITHIN RWANDA. THE UN IS WORKING TO COMPLETE ITS EXPANSION OF UNAMIR AND DEPLOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS. THIS EFFORT NEEDS THE FULL, COORDINATED SUPPORT OF KEY NATIONS.

INSECURITY IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS ON RWANDA'S BORDERS REMAINS A SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH, IF NOT EFFECTIVELY AND QUICKLY ADDRESSED, COULD DESTABILIZE RWANDA AND THE ENTIRE SUBREGION. THE UN IS STUDYING THIS ISSUE NOW. WE MUST BE PREPARED TO ASSIST IN ADDRESSING THIS CRUCIAL PROBLEM.

TRUE RECONCILIATION WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR GENOCIDE AND OTHER ATROCITIES ARE IDENTIFIED AND BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. FAILURE TO ACT RISKS REPRISALS AND RENEWED VIOLENCE. WE MUST SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF UN BODIES TO INVESTIGATE THE ATROCITIES AND ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE AND EXPEDITIOUS METHOD TO ACHIEVE ACCOUNTABILITY. RWANDA'S DOMESTIC JUDICIAL SYSTEM WILL NEED HELP, AS WELL.

RWANDA WILL REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO RESTORE BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE

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MUST ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT EFFORTS AT POLITICAL RECONCILIATION. THE KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE ARUSHA ACCORD -- INCLUSIVENESS IN GOVERNMENT, MILITARY INTEGRATION, AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS -- ARE ALL VITAL ELEMENTS IN A PROGRAM OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, AND WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT INITIATIVES IN THESE AREAS. THESE EFFORTS WILL HELP CREATE CONDITIONS THAT WILL FOSTER

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND REFUGEE RETURN.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS IS INDEED AN AMBITIOUS UNDERTAKING, AND ONE THAT CAN ONLY SUCCEED THROUGH SUSTAINED, COORDINATED SUPPORT BY RWANDA'S FRIENDS. IN OUR VIEW, THIS CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE FORMATION OF AN OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP.

WE PROPOSE HOLDING THE GROUP'S FIRST MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN MID-NOVEMBER, WITH SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS IN NEW YORK. WE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT YOUR COUNTRY WILL AGREE TO PARTICIPATE.

SINCERELY,

WARREN CHRISTOPHER

END TEXT.

4. NO SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW. IF HOST GOVERNMENT INQUIRES AS TO WHICH COUNTRIES ARE BEING INVITED, PLEASE INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT THAT PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS ARE: THE U.S., FRANCE, BELGIUM, THE UK, GERMANY, JAPAN, CANADA, SWEDEN, AND THE CURRENT OAU CHAIRMAN (TUNISIA, THIS YEAR). WE ENVISION THE WASHINGTON MEETING TO BE AT THE UNDER SECRETARY LEVEL OR APPROPRIATE EQUIVALENT, WITH U/S WIRTH LEADING THE U.S. DELEGATION. SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS IN NEW YORK WOULD BE AT THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL.

5. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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